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### Quick Facts

- "South Carolina People and Places" details important historical figures, places and people in the state.
- Dewalt is chair of the Department of Counseling, Leadership and Educational Studies at Winthrop.



Mark Dewalt

ROCK HILL, S.C. - South Carolina has some facts in its history that might surprise even Palmetto State natives – like the fact that a Barnwell, S.C., church housed Union horses during the Civil War.

Educational research professor **Mark Dewalt's** new book, "South Carolina People and Places" (Carlisle Publishing, May 2011) offers facts like these for elementary school educators and students. The book explores the people, places and events vital to the state's long history. **Dewalt** worked with M.A.T. student **Elisabeth Wise** (Clover, S.C.) and M.Ed. counseling program student **Virginia Fagg** (Concord, N.C.) to write the book. Lancaster, S.C., native **Erin Mountain**, an M.A.T. candidate, provided

illustrations.

**Dewalt's** years working in rural S.C. schools taught him that many students don't have access to printed materials at home. So he elected to write "**South Carolina People and Places**" to provide students with a book they could call their own.

"My goal is to create books children can have that cover important content," said **Dewalt**, who is chair of Winthrop's Department of Counseling, Leadership and Educational Studies.

He decided to write the book after several teachers in Lake City, S.C., Kingstree, S.C., and Manning, S.C., approached him expressing a need for a book on South Carolina history – a subject introduced in third grade. **Dewalt, Wise, Fagg** and **Mountain** spent two years on the project. The former Bank of America Endowed Professor has future plans to publish a similar book – one focused on North Carolina history, people and places – with Carlisle Printing.

Copies of "**South Carolina People and Places**" will be available for purchase at the May 5 book signing from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Winthrop University Bookstore in the **DiGiorgio Campus Center**.

**Dewalt** has worked in higher education for more than 20 years. He has published two additional activity books for children: "The Life and Times of Abe Lincoln" and "The Life and Times of Thomas Jefferson," as well as "Amish Education in the United States and Canada." He has conducted lectures, presentations and workshops on Amish education, Amish culture and children's literature. **Dewalt** also visits classrooms throughout the Southeast as Abraham Lincoln, teaching students about Lincoln's life and career.

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